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City of Kirkland Public Works Department



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Special Collection Event

PRESENTED BY: City of Kirkland & King County
WHAT: Special Collection Event
WHERE: Houghton Park & Ride (NE 70th St & 116th Ave NE)
WHEN: Saturday, October 13th from 9 AM - 3 PM

This is a great opportunity to clear out clutter and safely recycle items that normally cannot be recycled with your regular Waste Management pick-up service. Examples of items that you can bring are: tires, motor oil, batteries, clothing, porcelain toilets and sinks, electronic equipment and televisions.*

NEW! Fluorescent tubes and bulbs can be recycled at this event!

User Fee Items (cash only):

Porcelain toilets/sinks - \$5

Propane tanks (empty, residential only) - \$5

Small camping propane tanks (empty) - \$1

TV sets (36" or smaller) - \$20

TV sets (37" or larger, console/big screen) - \$25

TV sets (projection) - \$30

Computer monitors - \$10

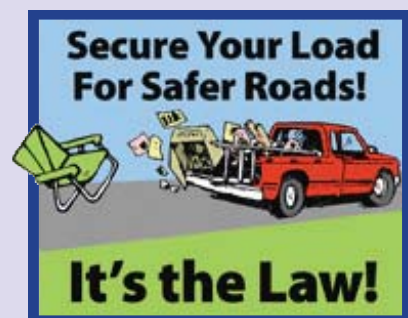
Refrigerators/freezers/household air conditioners - \$25

Water heater (with insulated coating) - \$5



Always Secure Your Load – It's the Law!

As of July 2005, the fine for transporting an unsecured load is \$194. If an item falls off a vehicle and causes bodily harm, the driver now faces gross misdemeanor charges and penalties of up to \$5000 and/or up to a year in prison. Please see www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/facilities and click on Secure Your Load, or call (206) 296-4466 for more information and tips for securing loads.



*Restrictions apply and some items are not collected. User fees cover the cost of proper processing and recycling. All items collected will be recycled. View the flyer at www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle or call the Recycling Hotline at (425) 587-3812 for more information.

Funding provided by the King County Solid Waste Division, King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program, and the Washington State Department of Ecology

Recycling Guide

Put in Your **All-In-One** Recycling Cart:

Empty recyclables out of bags and boxes and put them loose in the all-in-one recycling container so that they can be quickly sorted.

Clean paper & mail

Flattened cardboard (*limit 3'x3'*)

Paperback & telephone books

Magazines & catalogs

Paper boxes (*cereal, etc.*) without liners

Newspaper & advertising supplements

Frozen food boxes

Milk cartons & juice boxes

Gift wrap (*without foil or ribbon*)

Paper egg cartons

Glass bottles & jars (*no lids or caps*)

Plastic bottles & jugs (*no lids or caps*)

Round plastic dairy tubs
(*yogurt, margarine, etc.*) without lids

Aluminum & tin cans

Scrap Metal

(*limit 2' x 2' x 2', 35 lbs;
no wood or plastic attachments*)

Plastic bags are not accepted, but may be recycled at participating grocery stores.



Extra Recyclables

There is no charge for collection of extra recyclables that don't fit in your container. Put them in paper bags marked "recycling."

Not Recyclable

NO Food-soiled paper or boxes

NO Paper towels, plates or napkins

NO Plastic bags (*recycle at grocery stores*)

NO Styrofoam containers or packing peanuts

NO Shredded paper

NO Plastic other than bottles, jugs and tubs

NO Plastic take-out containers

NO Plastic trays (*bakery, meat, etc.*)

NO Plastic cups, plates or utensils

NO Prescription vials

NO Knives or scissors

NO Aluminum foil or foil baking pans

NO Needles or syringes

NO Toxic containers (*antifreeze, oil, etc.*)

NO Diapers or rags

NO Ceramics or dishes

NO Light bulbs

NO Mirrors or window glass

NO Aerosol cans

NO Food wrap

Confused About Plastics?

Ignore the numbers. Recycle only plastic bottles, tubs, jugs and jars.

BOTTLES:
water
soft drink
shampoo
ketchup, etc.



JUGS:
milk
juice
laundry detergent, etc.



JARS:
jam jars, etc.



ROUND DAIRY TUBS:
cottage cheese
yogurt
margarine
sour cream, etc.



Throw away caps and lids.

Household Battery Recycling!

Take your used household batteries to one of the locations below for recycling:

- **City Hall**
123 5th Ave.
- **Library**
308 Kirkland Ave.
- **North Kirkland Community Center**
12421 103rd Ave. NE

Please contact the City of Kirkland's Recycling Hotline at **(425) 587-3812** or **recycle@ci.kirkland.wa.us** with any questions.

Water Conservation Tips

▶ In the kitchen:

- Instead of using a garbage disposal (which wastes a lot of water), scrape your dishes into a food waste container or the garbage.
- Install an instant water heater near your kitchen sink so you don't have to run the water while it heats up. This also reduces energy costs.

▶ In the bathroom:

- Install a low-flow showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
- Drop your tissue in the trash instead of flushing it and save water every time.
- If your toilet was installed before 1992, reduce the amount of water used for each flush by inserting a displacement device in the tank.

▶ For the laundry room:

- If your washer has a variable water volume setting, select the minimum amount required per load.
- Use the shortest wash cycle for lightly soiled loads. Also, wash dark clothes in cold water and save energy while helping your clothes keep their colors.



▶ Around the house:

- Listen for and fix those leaking faucets and toilets. Research has shown that an average of 8% (or more) of all home water use is wasted through leaks. For instructions on how to check for a toilet leak, visit www.cascadewater.org and click on "conservation" and then "tips."
- Winterize outdoor spigots to prevent pipes from leaking or bursting when temperatures dip below freezing.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash. You'll save water and keep pollutants out of local lakes and streams.
- Teach your children to turn off faucets tightly after each use.

While supplies last, conservation kits are available free of charge. Conservation kits contain six water saving activities including determining if your toilet is leaking, whether your toilet is up to current efficiency standard or not (if it's not, a "toilet tummy" is included which will save you .5 gallons per flush), whether you can benefit from a new showerhead, and a lawn watering gauge and guide. Please call **(425) 587-3907** or email vlock@ci.kirkland.wa.us for your free kit.

For more conservation tips and rebate opportunities, visit www.cascadewater.org and click on "conservation."

Don't Be a Drip!

Proper Car Maintenance = Clean Water

Working on your vehicle at home? If so, be sure that your work does not pollute our lake. A recent study estimated that the water running off the United States' roads and driveways and into our waterways is equivalent to an Exxon Valdez spill – 10.9 million gallons – every 8 months (NRC, 2002).

Tips for cleaner auto repair and maintenance:

- Use a tarp, ground cloth, or drip pan to capture all spills and drips.
- Collect used oil, antifreeze, and other fluids in containers with tightly-fitting lids. Do not mix these fluids.
- Never pour used oil, antifreeze, or other fluids down a storm drain, into a ditch, or on the ground.
- Recycle oil at an auto parts store or service station. Other fluids should be disposed of at a household hazardous waste collection site. Call **(206) 296-4692** or click on the King County Hazardous Waste link at **www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle** to find the nearest location.
- Clean up spills with absorbent material (e.g. rags, kitty litter, sand). Then, sweep up the material and dispose of it in the trash. Do not wash this material down the pavement or storm drain.
- Take your vehicle to a commercial repair facility where fluids are handled, recycled and disposed of properly. Ask the attendant to make sure that your fluid caps are screwed on tight to avoid drips.
- Avoid overfilling your gas tank.
- Watch for leaky valve cover gaskets and engine seals and replace them quickly.



Take It Back Network



Is electronics recycling on your TV screen? Single-family? Multi-family? Doesn't matter! There are electronics recycling options available to everyone in Kirkland.

- For single family residents, call Waste Management at **(800) 592-9995** or visit **www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle** and click on the Waste Management logo to schedule a pickup appointment online (please allow at least 24 hours before your regular collection day) or to view a list of items collected.
- For multifamily residents, the Take it Back Network is a great and easy way to recycle your electronics. For more information, go to **www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle**.

Not sure what to do? King County's "What Do I Do With ..." site provides information on what to do with those hard to recycle items. Go to **www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle** and find out!

Comments

The City of Kirkland would like to hear your comments about this newsletter or your suggestions for future issues. Please call **(425) 587-3907** or email **vlock@ci.kirkland.wa.us**.

Take the Green Approach to Household Cleaning

Make your home both clean and healthy through the use of non-toxic cleaners. Taking the “green” approach to household cleaning means choosing products that protect you and the environment through their production, use and disposal.

Household cleaning products often contain chemicals that can be harmful to both you and the environment. Read the product label. Does it contain the words “Danger” or “Poison”? Those products are the most hazardous and should be avoided. How about the words “Caution” or “Warning”? Those products are moderately hazardous. The safest cleaning products have none of those four words on the label.

Almost every grocery store contains at least a few less-toxic alternative cleaners – or you can make homemade, non-toxic cleaners for a fraction of the price. The internet has many resources and recipes for making non-toxic cleansers at home. Here are two simple recipes and more can be found at www.metrokc.gov by entering “green cleaning” in the search box or calling (206) 296-4600.

▶ Tub & Sink Cleaner

- Baking soda, Murphy’s liquid (or liquid Castile) soap

Sprinkle baking soda onto surface of porcelain fixtures. Rub with wet rag. For more cleaning power, add a little liquid soap to the rag.

▶ Window & Mirror cleaner

Indoor:

- White vinegar, water

Put ¼ cup vinegar in spray bottle and fill to top with water. Spray on glass surface and rub with a lint-free rag.

Outdoor:

- Liquid soap, warm water

Use a sponge to wash windows, wash with warm water with a few drops of soap. Rinse well and squeegee dry.



Even these basic cleaning products should be kept out of reach of children. Please do not mix the green cleaning recipes with other cleaning products. Spot test the recipes before wider application.

Free Shopping Bag or Coffee Mug

Help reduce waste! Call **(425) 587-3812** for your free reusable coffee mug or shopping bag. Supplies are limited; one coffee mug or shopping bag per person please.



Reusing a bag has a big impact. A sturdy, reusable bag needs only be used 11 times to have a lower environmental impact than using 11 disposable plastic bags.

Sierra Club (www.sierraclub.org/bags/)

Every year, Americans drink more than 100 billion cups of coffee. Of those, 14.4 billion are served in disposable paper cups - enough to wrap the earth 55 times if placed end-to-end!

<http://www.ecocupinfo.com/>

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